"Nay," she answered, 'nay!" But the persevering Quaker To himself did say, Woo I will until I make ner, Make her answer "vea But in vain, his suit a-pressing ("Listen, Ruthie, pray," Urged he), while his love confessing. Still she answered "nay!"

Till at last, the wily Quaker, (Lack a day, a day!) Longing ardently to shake her, Stole across the way, And unnoted stood beside her, Not a word did say, Though his twinkling eyes deride her, In her gown of gray,

Suddenly he cried and clearly (Much to her dismay), "I have loved thee long and dearly, Little Ruthie Grey; Darest say thou dost not love me? Answer quick, I pray." Half confused and all unheeding "Nay," she answered, "nay."

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A STORY OF WESTERN LIFE

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CHAPTER XXII.

THE SERPENT SHOWS ITS HEAD AGAIN. A long time John remained there on the prairie trying to decide what step to take next. At first he was inclined to go back and find the man who had bought the property, and try to induce him to annul the sale; but he realized that such a step would be useless, since it was not probable that the man would consent to the proposition, even if he could be found, which was not likely. Then he could not consent to surrender the money.

So he put that idea away, and deeided to go on home. On the morrow sale and pay him a portion of the money. This seemed like a fair way of | mother." proceeding, and John had no doubt that it would be all right with Mills. Having come to this conclusion, he felt relieved, and continued his way with less | fate?" misgivings. The next morning John prepared to

return to town to carry out his plan, and was about to set out from home when he saw two men approaching. He soon recognized them as Mills and Pearson, and with a feeling of fear and dread awaited their arrival. "Mr. Green," said Mills, after the

usual salutations, "I came out to see you on a little matter of business. I am informed on reliable authority that you sold your wagon and horses yester-

day. Is such the case?"
"It is," said John, "and I was just starting to your office to inform you of the fact, and make it all right with

Mills smiled rather incredulously at this statement, and John winced under the expression of the money-lender's

"Such may possibly have been your intentions, Mr. Green," Mills replied doubtingly. "I do not pretend to know what is in your mind. But the fact that you disposed of the property right at my office without saying a word to me about it is rather damaging, to say the least. It seems to me that you could as easily have come to me then, as to have come home and gone back this morning. The affair looks a little suspicious, sure."

"You don't mean to imply," cried Green with a gloss of anger, "that I purposed acting dishonorably?" "No, oh no, I don't mean to imply

anything. I am just stating the facts of the matter. I have a perfect right to my opinion, though, I presume." "I suppose you have, but you have no right to make any assertions. I ac-

knowledge that I did act imprudently, but I was driven to it. You know what my situation is, and you ought to be willing to make some allowances. However, I will now pay you that part of the debt for which the horses and wagon stood as security, and that, I suppose, will make the matter all right.' "No, I can't accept such terms. It

would be setting a bad precedent for my customers, and would lead to no end of trouble." "What do you mean to do, then?"

John asked with trepidation. "I can do but one thing," replied Mills, "and that is to let the law take its course. I suppose you know what that will lead to.'

"Great heavens, man!" John cried, "remember my wife, and show that you have a heart. Would you send me away to prison for no crime and kill my poor wife by the act? Surely you cannot be brutal enough to do that. "I shall not do it, Mr. Green," Mills

replied coolly. "I am not the law, and neither can I answer for the law. You have placed yourself in the law's grasp and you will have to abide the conse-"Can't I do anything to satisfy you

and avert this awful fate?" asked John. "Not that I know of," said Mills. "You will have to make your plea to the court."

Mills turned to ride away, but Harry Pearson, who all this time had kept quiet, motioned him aside, and for some time they talked together earnestly. Finally they came back to Green, and Mills said:

"For the present, Mr. Green, I will let this affair rest, since my friend here so much desires I should. He agrees to stand responsible for you, and I have promised to do nothing for a few days. I do not know what may be done eventually, but just now you may rest quietly. Good day."

Pearson went away with Mills to avoid John's thanks, and John returned to the house greatly relieved by the turn matters had taken.

"Peurson will see me out all right." he thought, "and there will be nothing more of it. He will compel Mills to accept the money and remain quiet." In this reekoning John was correct to

a certain extent, but he little dreamed how dearly Pearson meant to charge for his good offices.

Two or three days passed and then Pearson came again to John Green's house. John welcomed him with all his heart and embraced the opportunity to thank him for his services rendered a few days before. "It is nothing," Harry protested,

"nothing at all, Green, to make a fuss over; and yet I'm glad I was able to help you. Mills is a bad man to deal with, as I have lately discovered, and I am sorry you borrowed that money of him. But having got you into his hands I feel it my duty to help you out. But there, we'll let the matter drop. How

is Mrs. Green to-day?" "She is doing splendidly," said John. "Improving rapidly, and if nothing interferes to give her a relapse she'll soon be well enough to get about. She has had a trying time of it."

"Indeed she has," replied Harry sympathetically. Harry soon found an opportunity of said (onto; a ward ru there's, and aled feeling somewhat in puty bound per cepted his proposal. Together they walked out across the prairie, Pearson doing the most of the talking, and for some time confining himself to trivial matters. But at last, when they came and Pearson proceeded to speak of something of more importance.

"Louise," he said, "I have brought you out here to-day to speak to you on a subject that lies near my heart, and which I cannot bury, though I've tried often. You know what it is?" "I'm afraid I do," said she.

"Afraid?" he repeated. "Then you have not changed your mind?"

"No, no, and I never can." "Louise," said Pearson quickly, "you can change your mind, and you must. I love you better than any other man ever did or ever will. I'll do anything to win you. I have busied myself to help your | sacrifice unbearable." parents in every way that I found posdo anything for your sake, and I've sworn that you shall be mine."

"Oh, don't talk so, please," pleaded Louise. "I know how good you have been to those I love, and it hurts me to deny any favor you ask at my hands. Don't compel me to say what i said once before, and what I hope never to have to say again. Please say no more | me." about it."

"But I will say more about it, Louise. I said just now I had sworn to have you for my own, and I mean to do it. If 1 can't win you one way, perhaps I can another. Look here, you must consent to my wish to save your fatuer. Do you understand?"

"To save my father," Louise repeated, looking up inquiringly while a great fear smote her heart. "What do you mean by that?"

"Do you know that he is in my power. practically? Do you know that only I stand between him and state prison?" "No, no," Louise gasped, turning ashy white while her heart stopped its beating. "I do not understand. Tell me, oh, tell me what you mean. What

has he done?" "He has committed a penitentiary offense. He has sold mortgaged property, and nothing but I stands between him and the law's penalty. If I step aside then the law takes its course and your father must serve a term in state prison-a convict among convicts. You he would go to Mills and tell him of the know what such a result would be to him and what it would be to your

> "Oh, God! oh, God!" the girl wailed. "can such a thing be? Can my poor dear father be in danger of such a

"It is too true, Louise," Pearson went on. "I have told you truly of his danger. But you can, and you must serve him. Become my wife and he shall never be disturbed. I will continue to protect him, and no man shall raise a hand against him. Come, say you will, ouise. You shall never regret it. I

will raise you from this life of suffer-

ing and want and make you a lady. You shall have everything your heart can desire. Say yes." "Oh, no, no, a thousand times no," the girl cried. "You do not know what you ask of me. You do not know how my soul revolts at the thought. I thank you over and over for all you have done for us, and I would be willing to do al-

"Not to save your father's name and honor and your mother's life?" Pearson asked. "Remember how much you have at stake. Louise."

you ask too much. I cannot love you

and I cannot marry you.

"Can't they be saved without that?" "Without your giving yourself to me? No. That is the only terms upon which your father can be kept from the law's "Sortly, surely, Mr. Pearson, you

will not require such a sacrifice on my part. You know why father did that, and you or any other man would have done the same. You know all this,



"I HAVE TOLD YOU TRULY OF HIS DAN-GER."

and you would not be so heartless as to forsake him now." Louise spoke in pleading tones, and her sad words and her yet sadder face ought to have touched a heart of stone, but they had no effect on Pearson other tian to confirm him in his purpose.

"Why should I put myself to any trouble for your parents," he coolly replied, "except it be for your sake? They are nothing to me, while you are all the world. Be mine, Louise, and then I will continue my interest in them. Refuse my offer, and I cut myself away from the family. I will not try further to force you to accept my terms. I make them known to you, and show you the alternative, and leave you free to choose as you wish. You can become mine and save your parents or you can refuse my offer and submit to

the consequences." Having spoken thus Pearson arose and walked to and fro along the bank, while Louise sat buried in sorrow and doubts. That was the most trying hour of her sad life. She knew only too well the awful doom that hung over her poor parents, and her heart bled for them. She pictured to herself her loved father elad in a convict's garb and locked up for years in a terrible prison, for no crime save that of trying to pro-vide bread for his starving wife and child. She pictured her mother's grief and death, which she knew would follow her father's arrest. She pictured all the misery and suffering that would come with the law's enforcement, and

she became sick at heart. "No, no," she said, "that must not, shall not be if I can prevent it. I will make any sacrifice to save my loved

ones." Then on the other hand she thought of Paul, and up from the past floated remembrances of the happy hours she had spent with him, and of the bright pictures her fancy had painted of the future when she should be Paul's wife She recalled all his tender words and glances, and now in this hour, when she was called upon to give him up, she felt her soul going out to him as it had never gone out before, and she felt how utterly impossible it would be to live happily without him, and in spirit she

"Oh, Paul, Paul, how can I give you up? How can I lose you? God, Thou art just and righteous, and surely Thou hast not forsaken me in this dark hour. Help me. Lord, to save my parents, but do not require me to do it at such a cost."

Pearson returned and stopped before the girl.

"We'.." he said, "thave you dec ded?" "No," she replied, without looking up, "I must have more time. Will you wait and to-morrow?"

"I strong. I must if you require it, but I see no use in it. You on dit to be to the bank of the creek, they sat cown, able to lecide how you will act without much thought. It is a simple question. On one side is your father's honor and happiness, your mother's life, and riches for yourself, while on the other side there is nothing but your own fancy. You on that to be able to choose between the two easily enough."

"I must have time. It is a matter of more importance to me than you say. I must usl. God to help and direct me.' Pearson gave a light laugh at this, and the girl shrank farther from him. "To give up dear Paul," she thought,

"is enough to break my heart, but to become the wife of this man makes the She felt all her old loathing of him

sible, and I did it all for your sake. I'd return, and if only herself had been in the question, she would a thousand times rather have gone to death's embrace than his. "Well," said Pearson after a little si-

lence, "if you must have until to-morrow to decide, suppose we go back." "I would rather go back alone," Louise replied. "You need not wait for

"But you see, Louise, that would not do. Your parents would suspicion something, and if you are to take this step to save them, they must not know it. You would not want them to know

"No. I would not," she said. before we go, I must make one more appeal to you. I must beg you on my enees to save them and spare me," and as Louise spoke she kneeled before him, and with clasped hands and streaming eyes begged piteously for mercy at his hands.

He let her proceed to a finish, then with a shake of his head, replied: "It is useless, Louise. I am resolved and nothing can change my purpose. I will come back to-morrow, and I shall expect your answer then. If you decide to accept my offer, I want you to be ready to go away with me to-morrow night. We will leave a letter explaining everything to your parents, and after getting married at Magic City we will take a train for the west where we will spend a few months. I have a reason for going away which I cannot explain now, but which I will tell you later. Now you know all my plans, and if you decide to be my wife you know what you will have to do, and

cordingly. Now if you are ready we will return to the house." "Mr. Pearson, can I not reach your heart and prevail on you to be more

you must make your arrangements ac-

merciful?" Louise asked. "No, I tell you it is useless to talk. I am not to be influenced from my purpose. You can marry me and insure the welfare of those you love, or you can refuse me and let them take the consequences."

Without another word Louise arose, and in silence they walked back. Pearson stopped only long enough to admonish Louise that she must positively decide by the morrow, then mounted his horse and rode away to Magic City. He knew what her decision would be, and felt secure of his prey-as secure of it most anything for you in return, but as though he had it already within his grasp. He knew that Louise would not perifice her parents.

CHAPTER XXIII.

THE SERPENT'S VICTORY. All that day and all the night following there was a bitter conflict raging within Louise's heart. Her soul revolted at the thought of giving herself up to a man she so utterly loathed as she did Pearson, and she found it hard to bring herself to the great sacrifice. She felt that in joining her life with his she bade farewell to the last vestige of happiness and hope, and plunged into a never-ending gulf of misery. She realized fully the awful results of the step she was asked to take, and the whole future rose up be-

fore her a picture of the blackest hue. And yet, she reasoned, the step must be taken. The sacrifice must be made. It was not only her duty to save her parents, but she felt that it ought to be a pleasure. She felt that she ought to be glad to suffer anything for the sake of those whom she so dearly loved. She tried to persuade herself that being able to serve them so well, at even this great cost, was a blessing for which she should feel thankful. Reasoning thus she would almost succeed in reconciling herself to her fate, when there would come up in her mind recollections of Paul, and she would lose all

the resolution she had gained. "Poor Paul, poor Paul," she would groan, "what will you think of me after such a base deed? You will never. never know that I did it for the sake of my father and mother. Oh, God, to make the sacrifice and lose Paul forever is enough to kill me, but to know that I am misjudged by him, and believed by him to be false and heartless, is more than I can bear. And yet I

must bear it." Thus long the conflict between and duty raged, and at last duty prevailed and Louise for once and for all decided that the sacrifice should be made. She would surrender everything and become Harry Pearson's wife. Having formed this resolution, she tried to put away all thoughts of l'aultried to become reconciled to the inevitable, and even attempted to persuade nerself that in time she would learn to be happy in her situation. She tried to hope that she might learn to love

Pearson. After settling the question so, Louise became calm and quiet, but it was a sullen calm that comes with defeat rather than conviction. She went

about her duties with a light step, and a smile lurked about her features. She had one source of genuine satisfaction, and that was the knowledge that she was saving her parents such untold suf-

fering and misery. All through the morning hours she kept a watch for Pearson. She dreaded. yet wished for his coming. She would have given worlds to know that she should never see him again, and yet since she must give from her and strode rapidly away. She herself to him she wished have it done and over. Slowly the morning hours wore away, and as often as Louise gazed out across the broad expanse of prairie nothing greeted her vision save the parched plain.

At last near noon she saw a horseman approaching. He was far away, but she was sure it was Pearson coming for her answer.

"It shall be as he wishes," she mused, "and our interview shall be a short one. Thank God the worst will soon be over.' The minutes passed and the horse man drew near. Louise, who had rested her face in her hands, looked up again, and as her eyes reached the approaching figure she received a shock that took her breath away. Her heart ceased its beating and her form trembled so that she could hardly support her weight. The man she saw was his great love beaming from his eyes.
But how different was his coming from what she had thought but a few hours what she had thought but a few hours had not changed his mind. He remained the remained had not changed his mind. He remained had not changed his mind. what she had thought but a few hours had not changed his mind. He remained before. Then she looked and longed for it as the happiest hour of her life, but now she would rather have seen anyone else. She had hoped, after making up her mind to accept Pearson's offer, to be spared the pain of a meeting Paul and stopped to speak to him. He

attempted to run away and mide Si where from his eyes, but her limbs refued to bear her, and with shan e.remor and grief gnawing at her leart she; raited his approach as a documed

man waits the end of his sentence. Pa I sprang from his horse and with asm ing face came forward to greet his love. He opened his arms expecting her to nestle within them, but she moved not, and looked not at him. He came up quite close to her and stopped. He spoke her name softly, but she made no reply. "Louise," he said again, "do you not

know I am here?" Still she neither spoke to him nor looked at him, but sat with her face buried in her hands while the tears streamed through her fingers. Paul was nonplused completely. He knew not what to make of this reception.

"Louise." he continued, after a short silence, "what does this mean? Have you no welcome for me? Will you not speak to me?" "Oh, Paul, Paul," Louise cried. "Why

did you come? Why do you stay to

break my heart now? Oh, God! ch, God! this is more than I can bear!" Her words were so impassioned, her manner so vehement, that Paul was struck with awe. He could not understand her meaning, and was at a loss to account for such irreconcilable conduct. She showed plainly by her tone and actions that her love for him was not dead, while by her words she only too plainly manifested a desire to escape him. He knew not what to think of her -what to make of the change in her.

After a short silence, he said: "Louise, I cannot understand you. There is something wrong with you, but I am unable to account for it. I never dreamed that I should receive such a welcome as this on my return to vou. Never a day, since I left you, has passed without thoughts of you and this meeting thronging through my mind. I have dreamed of it by night. But I never thought we should meet thus. Louise, tell me what has wrought this change."

He paused for a reply, but none came. She longed to tell him all and show to him that her heart was unchanged, but she dared not. Her lips must remain sealed, and with a great effort she kept down the longing of her



THE CONFLICT BETWEEN LOVE AND DUTY RAGED. soul. Seeing that she was not going to

speak, Paul continued: "For God's sake, Louise thing. This suspense is worse than death. Tell me what you mean, and why you act as you do. I do not believe you have forgotten your love for me. There must be some secret cause for all this. Tell me what it is."

"Oh, Paul," cried Louise, "do not ask me. I can tell you nothing, nothing. Only spare me, Paul. Go away and spare me the bitterest trial of my life." The girl's tone was piteous. It was as that of one pleading for life. Paul was struck by it, and forgetting the pangs that were wrenching his own soul, he felt his heart go out to her in

pity as well as love. "Louise," he said, "I would spare you all pain possible, but I cannot leave you like this. I love you to-day more than ever I loved you before, and I feel, I know that you love me. I must know the cause of your action. I will not leave you until I do know."

"I cannot tell you, Paul. I must not, You must go away from me and never see me again. That is all I can say." "Be reasonable, Louise, and remember that I have a heart. Remember that I can feel and that every word you

speak pierces me like a knife." "Then leave me and do not make me say more. God knows I would spare you the agony of this meeting."

"Must we part, Louise?" "Yes, yes; and never meet again."

"Is it your wish?" "It is."

"And you will not tell me why?". "No, I cannot do that."

"Then it shall be as you wish. will go away, and I promise not to see you again. But Louise, I will never forget you. You have this day broken my spirit, destroyed my happiness and wrecked my brightest hope, but I will love you still. I little thought that the great purpose that has cheered me on to the greatest efforts I was capable of making should come to this. For your sake and in the hope of one day claiming you for my wife, I have Piano. Mathushek Piano, celebrated day claiming you for my wife, I have applied myself well to my studies, and I have graduated with honor. I have done everything for your sake, and the Hamlin Upright Piane. Sterling Upguiding purpose of my life has been to gain a home fit for you. But now, that is all at an end. My hopes are blasted in one short hour and my castles have fallen down. You say that you will never be mine?"

"I can never marry you, Faul." "Then good-by, Louise," and as Paul spoke he advanced and reached out his

hand. Louise could almost feel his presence, and she longed to throw herself in his arms and cry her heart out. But she restrained herself, and never so much as looked up. "Won't you tell me good-by. Louise?" Paul asked.

"Good-by," she murmured. He said nothing more, but after looking at her a long time he tore his eyes to heard him pass through the gate, and s moment later heard his horse clat-

ter away across the prairie. Then she lifted her head from her hand, and with longing eyes looked after his retreating form until it faded out in the distance, and when she saw him no longer she placed her hand on her heart and moaned in the deepest anguish.

That meeting had been a sore trial felt more than once that if the interview was prolonged she must break down and give way to her love. But she had come through it safely and the worst was passed. All day she watched and waited for

Pearson failed to appear. Was it pos- have made affidavit that twenty-five or sible, she wondered, that he had more men were killed by the landslide away for another and a more urgent reason. As Paul galloped back in the direction of Magic City he met Pearson on his Maxwell's store at De Witt was burned way to Green's. Pearson recognized last night. Three children asleep in the light shall be contined in the County

OF IT OFFERNMENTS er ist Gerta could well from my lesses what had been the result of his visit,



and his nature was such that he could not resist the temptation of slightly exulting over his vanquished rival.

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son prevented him. "I did not know you had returned, Mr. Markham," Pearson began, "and I suppose you have been back but a short time."

Paul would have passed on, but Pear-

"I returned last night," Paul replied "Only last night? You have been out o your father's, I suppose, to-day?" "I don't know that it is anything particularly to you where I have been, Paul answered a little angrily, for he was in no mood to have his affairs meddled with, and especially by one who was little more than a stranger. with a light laugh. "Though I think I office.

The tone in which this question was asked together with the leering manner of the speaker implied a direct insult, and Paul took it as such. He had, moreover, had an intimation of Pearson's visits to Green's, and he now as-

"If the Greens are anything to you, how they are coming on. I suppose you have the privilege of going there to find out for yourself." "Thanks," replied Pearson, "I shall

do as you suggest, and I hope, in fact I think my reception there will be different from yours." The next instant Paul had lost all self-centrol, and with all his strength

ing to the ground limp and apparently Paul did not wait to see what had peen the extent of the damage of his ships of their respective Counties into at that moment drove up in a wagon. "Is he dead?" asked one of the men

him a few days to get over it. We had the several sections of highways, etc., better get him back to town if we can, the lowest bid made by a responsi as there is no place near here to leave "Guess we had," replied the first, "but

wonder who that man is that hit him. I saw him strike." "So did I. But whoever he is, you may bet I don't want him to strike me. about as soon be struck by lightning as a part of the County road fund. that man's arm."

"Wonder what it was about, any-"I don't know, and I guess it don't get this chap in the wagon and haul him to town. He needs some sort of attention."

They raised Pearson up to put him in the wagon, and he opened his eyes and looked about him. "Where am I, and what has happened?" he asked in a weak voice. "You're right here," said one of the men, "and it looks as though that chap

eye, sure." Slowly Pearson began to recall what had happened to him, and he grew angry and tried to spring up. But he found that he had sustained a greater injury than he had thought. One of his limbs had caught under him when he fell, and had been thrown out of posi-

tion. With a cry of pain he sank back to the ground. "Curse Paul Markham," he muttered. "He has put me in a nice pickle, and laid me up for a week, perhaps, when

there is not a day to lose. The men got him in the wagon, and within an hour left him in bed in his room at Magic City.

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A Cyclone in Mississippi MERIDIAN, Miss., Nov. 26.-A special to The News from Newton, Miss., says a cyclone struck the town of Lawrence about 3 o'clock p. m. and blew down the Methodist church, also the house of Dr. Davis, killing his little girl and injuring Mrs. Davis. Other houses were blown down, but the full extent of the injury is not known at this time. No particulars are gathered as to the after leaving Lawrence.

The Same Old Chestnut WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The Post in the morning will say that an ex-United S.ates Senator, who is an ardent admirer of President Harrison and who predicts the latter's nomination' is authority for the statement that Mr. Blaine will this week make formal announcement of the fact that he is not bor upon the public works of the County hands of the Republican party. Blown to Pleces.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 2 .- A dynamite factory at Haverstraw was blown up for the poor girl, but she steeled her this afternoon. The shock was felt for heart against itself, and with the great- many miles. The engineer and three est effort withstood its pleadings. She workmen employed in the building were blown to pieces, and another man, who was in a boat on the river some distance from the wrecked building, was also instantly killed.

> men were killed. Barned to Death. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 2.—Captain

AN IMPORTANT MEASURE NOW BE- as the medicine prescribed to be paid FORE THE LEGISLATURE.

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point three free polders in each County to be known a commissioners of the The Office of County Commissioner to be noor, whose term of office shall be coter-Abeliated and the Office of County Suminal with that of the Governor. The same provisions are made in the case as with road commissioners.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 4.—The following bill, which was introduced in the | of poor commissioners. House as: Monday, is now before the Legislature, and the chances seems to be that it will become a law substandally in its present form: Section I. Ail Acts relating to the election, duties, powers and rights of

County Commissioners are repealed. Section 2. There shall be an election held at the next general election for State officers in the several Counties of the State for one County supervisor. and at every general election thereafter. whose term of office shall be two years. provided that immediately after the passage of this Act the Governor shall adpoint one discreet freeholder in each of the several Counties to act as supervisor until the election shall have been held; Section 3. The bond of the County supervisor shall be in the penal sum of

\$5,000. Section 4. The County supervisor shall have general jurisdiction over all public highways, roads, bridges and ferries, and over the paupers, and in all matters relating to taxes, and disbursement of public funds for County purposes and in any other case that may be necessary for the internal improvement and local concerns of the County: be shall have power to administer oaths in "Oh, of course not." said Pearson reference to matters pertaining to his

could guess where you have been were Section 5. The Governor shall appoint I to try. How are the Greens coming one discreet freeholder in each township in the several Counties, who shall be known as the township read commissioner: whose term of office shall be coterminal with that of the Governor who appoints him. In case of the refusal of any person so appointed to serve as commissioner he shall forfeit sociated him in some way with Louise's to the County \$50, to be applied to the conduct and felt inclined to hold him County road fund; provided that no per-responsible for it. He was sensitive, son shall be required to serve more than and it required but little to trise his once in every four years, and said comtemper, and it was not strange under missioners shall, during the term of his the circumstances that Pearson's words office, be exempt from all road and jury stung him, and that he should reply duty.

Section 6. The County supervisor and the commissioner of roads shall constisaid he, "and you are anxious to know tute the board of road commissioners, the supervisor to be chairman. Section 7. The township commission-

ers and the County supervisor shall organize as soon as practicable and shail meet thereafter on the first Monday in January, April, July and October of each year at the County court house, to transact business. The chairman may call extra meetings, and shall be reput in this arm he gave Pearson such a quired to do so, upon the written restroke with his first that it sent him roll- quest of three members of the board. Section 8. The supervisor and the boards, shall report to the Comptroller commissioners shall lay off the roads,

bridges and ferries of the several townstroke but gailoped on, leaving Pear- convenient sections, which shall be son to the care of a couple of men who numbered, for the purpose or letting out the same to be worked under contract, Section 9. The County supervisor as the other bent over the listless body. shall advertise in a newspaper in his "I think not," said the other, "but he | County once a week for three weeks and got a terrible lick, sure, and it will take by posted notices for bids for operating

person to be accepted. Section 10. The contractor shall enter into bond double the amount of his bid. Section 11. In case of failure to perform conditions of bond the board shall declare the same forfeited, and the Solicitor shall enter suit for the penalty My! but that was an awful lick, and I'd thereof, the money recovered to become Section 12. The board shall have

and to relet the contract, Section 13. The County Treasurers concern us what it was about. Let's are authorized and empowered to receive from persons liable to road duty the sum of \$1.50 as a commutation tax in lieu of all road duty, and all money so paid shall be set apart and known as the County road lund. This tax shall be paid on or before March 1 of each year, or when the State and County

power to remove defaulting contractors

taxes are paid. Section 14. The County Treasurer shall furnish the supervisor a list of who hit you come nigh taking your those who have paid their commutation head off. He gave you a terribly black tax, and the township commissioners shall furnish the supervisor a list of those liable to road duty, and the superv sor shall check off the names of all persons reported on the list of the County Treasurer as having paid their commutation tax, and all persons named on the list so checked shall be required to perform road duty not exceeding eight

Section 15. The contractor shall allow the board of road commissioners not less than 50 cents per diem for the labor of any person assigned to him under Section 14, and said sum shall be credited upon the amount due said contrac-

tor by the board. Section 16. In case of refusal to pay commutation tax or to perform road duty, a person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined \$10 and costs or imprisonment for twenty days; provided that if he neglect to pay the tax the County Treasurer is autorized to receive the same, with a penalty of 50 per cent. added, if the same be tendered within fifteen days.

Section 17. All claims against the County for operating roads shall be presented to the board of commissioners. and the supervisor shall draw his warrant on the County Treasurer, who shall pay the same out of the road fund. Section 18. The board shall at the last term of the court make a report to the

presiding Judge, to be by him submitted to the grand jury, of all their actings and doings and the condition of the roads for the tiscal year. Section 19. The members of the County board of road commissioners shall have power to administer oath and to punish by a fine not exceeding \$10, or imprisonment not exceeding twenty-four damage done by it before reaching and hours, any persons guilty of disorderly conduct amounting to an open or direct contempt or interruption of their proceed

Section 20. From and after the passsage of this A t all the courts and municipal authorities, which, under existing laws, have power to sentence convicts to confinement in prisons, shall sentence all abiebodied male convicts to hard lacandidate for nomination at the in which said person shall have been convicted, provided that no convict whose sentence shall be for a period longer than two years shall be sentenced. Section 21. All convicts so sentenced

> visor and by him formed into a County chain-gang and required to perform hard labor upon the County roads. Section 22. The County supervisor shall provide guards and appliances for the safe keeping of the convicts. He shall provide tools for performing the

will be under the control of the super-

Section 23. The supervison shall be TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 29.-Three la-Pearson's visit, but night came on and borers on the Northern Pacific Railroad allowed the same tees and costs for dieting convicts as are now allowed Sheriffs

Section 27. The County supervisor shall be ex office chairman of the board Section 28. The poor commissioners shall have gene al supervision over the paupers, and shall provide all necessary buildings for their accommodation, with

sufficient tillable land. Section 29. The board shall appoint a superintendent with such assistants as may be needed for the poor house, and one or more physicians. Section 30. The poor commissioners

shall have power to demand and sue for

all gifts, etc., coming to the board. Section 31. In case any poor child shall become chargable to the County. the board of commissioners may bind out such child as an apprentice to some person of good moral character. Section 32. Any moneys becoming

maintenance of any illegitimate child bound out to service shall be paid to the poor commissioners for the beneat of such child. Section 33. The County supervisor shall have power to make all contracts

due on any recognizances given for the

for supplying the poor house. Section 34. All accounts against the poor house should be presented to the poor commissioners. Section 35. The poor commissioners shall at the last term of the Court if Gen-

eral Sessions in each year report to the presiding judge, the same as the road commissioners.; Section 36. The County supervisor shall procure and adopt a seal, a description of which shall be filed in the office

of the Clerk of the Court, Sheriff, Treasurer and Secretary of State. Section 37. This provides for the cases where fees are allowed jurors, witnesses.

Section 38. The fees shall be paid by the Treasurers of the Counties on presentation of certificates. Section 39. The accounts of the Coroner and of the Sheriff for dieting prison- ONE CENT PER PO ers, and fees for post mortem and fer

testifying as experts, shall be approved by the presiding Judge, and the Supervisor shall draw upon the County Treasurer for payment of the same. Section 40. Sheriffs, Coroners and Contables shall execute all legal orders from the various boards herein provided

and shall receive the same fees and costs

allowed in other cases. Section 41. The reports and settlements of the County Treasurers and other officers, now required to be made to the County Commissioners Shall be made to the County Supervisor. Section 42. The County Supervisor. after consultation with the different

the expenses incurred by said board, the report to be submitted to the General Assembly to provide the necessary taxation for County purposes. Section 44. The salaries of Supervisors shall be paid quarterly by the Coun-

General by November 15, in each year.

the amount of money necessary to pay

ty Treasurers out of the road fund inamounts. Section 45. County Supervisors shall cause a record to be kept of all proceed ings of the various boards, which shall be open to public inspection, and all necessary material for keeping same shall be paid for out of the funds hereia provided for the respective boards. Section 46. All Acts and parts of

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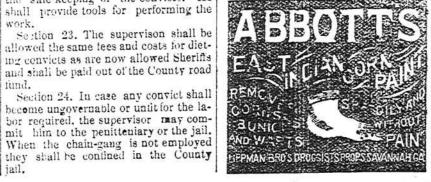
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